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In re the application of: R. Rogers Yocum et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated July 26, 2002 (Paper No. 11). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith.

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 35, 38, 52, 53, 62, 67-75, 82, 83, 88, 90, 97, 99, 102, 104, 106 and 108-110, without prejudice.